

# Uttoxeter Girls' High School Chronicle.

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## EDITORIAL.

THE Editorial in the last "Chronicle" stated that plans had been passed for the new buildings. Now we can look out of the windows and see them growing. It was very sad at the beginning of the Autumn Term to see the trees disappear, and to realize that never again should we have the beautiful patch of blue crocuses at the end of the garden or the beech tree at the top of the hockey field, but by now we have almost forgotten that there was ever anything outside but trenches, piles of bricks and forests of window frames. The greatest inconvenience remaining, now that the electric light is restored, is the mud which is brought in from the drive, particularly by Form IV. who, not having a cloak-room, come into Prayers in outdoor clothes carrying school-bags, clocks and pea-seedlings growing in jam-jars.

At the end of the Summer Term Miss Foxton and Miss Tribe left us. We very much appreciate all they have done for the School and wish them all success in their new posts.

The following girls and boys left during 1936:—

Spring Term: M. Shipton, M. Shipley, E. Stokes, T. Bagshaw, D. Cotterill; Summer Term: M. Perrins, K. Simms, G. Thurman, M. Binks, D. Forster, I. Jones, C. Lucas, D. Salt, M. Wilkinson, D. Adams, J. Collinson, R. Farmer, N. Hammond, R. Horobin, E. Wright, B. Atkinson, G. Shipley, M. Elkes, G. Ward, M. Bagshaw, K. Moseley. Autumn Term: I. Rittau, M. Bagshaw, F. Blore, M. Smith, E. Lovatt, N. Jaggar, J. Wright.

The following were admitted:—

Spring Term: (Preparatory), O. Marsden; Summer Term: M. Price (III.), G. Dainton, P. Warrington (Preparatory); Autumn Term: (Preparatory), P. Bagnall, J. Cart; (Form III.), R. Backhouse, E. Beard, E. Bennett, E. Booth, M. Bradley, H. Clarke, M. Fearn, M. Holbrooke, N. Leake, K. Mason, J. Mellor, H. Mugleston, E. Ottewell, J. Perrins, C. Sargent, E. Shenton, J. Sherratt, K. Shipley, S. Spruce, J. Taberner, E. Tomlinson, D. Vaughan, D. Wilne, N. Wrathall; (Lower IV.), P. Capewell, M. Sargent; (Form VI.), I. Rittau.

The great event in the Summer Term was the Sale of Work for the Scholarship Fund for which we had been working through-

out the Spring Term. It was for this reason that no collection was made for a School Birthday present. The Birthday was celebrated as usual on June 29th. Unfortunately the day was wet, and we had to remain indoors for tea.

Sixty mothers from the Birmingham Settlement visited us on July 18th. Again the weather was against us, but this did not seem to damp anyone's spirits. Games and competitions had been arranged by the Houses and took place in the Assembly Hall. We hope the mothers enjoyed themselves as much as we did entertaining them, and if their reluctance to leave is a good sign they must have done. We are very grateful to the parents and old girls who by their gifts make it possible for us to have the mothers.

This year we have had the good fortune to have two German girls at school. Marianne Fischer stayed at Red Gables for about six weeks in the Summer Term, coming to School for lessons with different forms. Ingeborg Rittau spent the whole of the Autumn Term here, and is still in England. Our greatest pleasure was hearing about life in modern Germany, and as Inge has spent some time in Spain she was able to tell us about her evacuation with other foreigners from Barcelona via Italy and Switzerland at the beginning of the Spanish civil war.

Our activities during the Autumn Term were curtailed because of the light. The Nativity Play was performed without a stage by light from a battery and two lamps, and the Mime of Christmas was chosen instead of a play requiring much rehearsal. Owing to the limited space we were not able to invite friends. We realized earlier in the term that we could not count on the help of visitors to raise our annual donation to the Birmingham Settlement, so we arranged for boxes to be placed in the form rooms for the collection of Victorian and Edward VII. pennies. The response to this was splendid, particularly in the lower forms, and £6 was collected, of which £3 5s. was sent to the Birmingham Settlement and £2 15s. to the Save the Children Fund.

A party of girls went Carol Singing for St. Dunstan's on December 12th, but weather prevented our devoting another night to this. However, several people whom we were unable to visit very kindly sent donations, and we were able to send £2 11s.

DOROTHY HALL.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

PREFECTS—AUTUMN TERM, 1935.—K. Simms (Head Girl), G. Thurman, M. Perrins, D. Hall, P. Bull, B. Coupland (full); B. Taylor, J. Ryder (on probation). SPRING TERM, 1936.—B. Taylor (full), J. Smith (on probation). SUMMER TERM, 1936.—J. Smith (full), M. Bagshaw, V. Fell, B. Heath (on probation).

SPRING TERM, 1936—HOCKEY COLOURS.—M. Bagshaw, P. Bull (renewed), M. Binks, U. Hughes, M. Perrins, J. Stevenson, G. Thurman. GOOD POSITION BADGE.—M. Hill.

SUMMER TERM, 1936 — TENNIS COLOURS. — B. Coupland. ROUNDERS BADGES.—B. Atkinson, P. Cooper, N. Cross, C. Hinc, A. Surtees, P. Tipper. GOOD POSITION BADGES.—P. Cooper, W. Cotterill. DRILL BADGE.—U. Harris.

PREFECTS—AUTUMN TERM, 1936.—D. Hall (Head Girl), P. Bull, B. Coupland, B. Taylor, J. Smith, M. Bagshaw, V. Fell, B. Heath (full); N. Bentley, F. Blore, J. Stevenson, B. Torrance (on probation). SPRING TERM, 1937.—N. Bentley, J. Stevenson, B. Torrance (full), J. Fallows, O. Hudson (on probation).

## SCHOOL DIARY.

### SPRING TERM, 1936.

- Feb. 7. Senior Party.
- Feb. 26. Lecture by Mr. Cullimore on "The British and Foreign Bible Society in Abyssinia."
- March 19. Party visited Wedgewood's Pottery Works.
- March 27. Lecture by Mr. Hopkins, of Abbotsholme, on "L.N.U. Pioneer Camps."

### SUMMER TERM, 1936.

- May 22. Lecture on Civil Service, Domestic Science, and Careers in General," by Mrs. Wise, J.P., of the Women's Employment Federation.
- May 27. Sports.
- June 11. Sale of Work.
- June 29. School Birthday.
- July 18. Visit of Birmingham Mothers.
- July 23. Visit by the Lower Fifth, Upper Fifth and Sixth Forms to Lotus Works, Stafford.
- July 25. Old Girls' Reunion.
- July 27. House Parties.
- July 28. Visit by the Upper Fifth and Sixth Forms to Tutbury Glass Works.  
Staff and Prefects' Party.

### AUTUMN TERM, 1936.

- Oct. 5. Party visited Hanley to hear a Lecture on "Nursery Work as a Career for Girls."
- Oct. 29. Speech Day.
- Nov. 24. Party went to performance of "Hamlet" at Denstone College.
- Dec. 12. Carol Singing for St. Dunstan's.
- Dec. 16 and 17. Nativity Play.
- Dec. 18. Old Girls' Reunion.

## IN MEMORIAM.

It is with a deep sense of loss that the School has to record the death of three very good friends during the Summer Term of 1936.

Miss Smith was a Governor for many years until her failing health made it impossible for her to attend the meetings. She was most interested in the Juniors, probably as they reminded her of her own life's work, and she always sent a contribution to their prizes at the Sports.

Miss Alice Ruegg died on the afternoon of the Fête in aid of the Scholarship Fund, June 11. Like Miss Smith she resigned her position as a Governor owing to her health, but she continued to take a keen interest in the School when she could no longer visit it. She was actively associated with us in two ways, for Dunkley House (formerly Neptune) has an Annual Sale for the Alton Cripples' Home (Hampshire), and the money obtained was always sent through Miss Ruegg, who had the welfare of the home very near her heart. She was especially delighted when Jean Young began her training in Orthopædic work there, and invited Jean to go and see her before she went. She also presented annually two Essay Prizes for competition in the summer holidays, and herself read through the contributions with interest, though she insisted on an adjudicator from outside. She was always most kind to me personally, and it was a privilege to go and see her.

Mr. Boden was the Staffordshire County Council representative on the Governing Body. No one who came into contact with him could fail to be struck by his keenness in any work he undertook. One would have thought that a man of so many public activities would have been indifferent to some of them, but he always came to a meeting as if it were the one important thing he had to do, and his advice was sound and valuable.

We are very grateful for the part these lives have taken in the early traditions of the School.

M. W. C.

## HOUSE NEWS.

BALFOUR, 1935—36.

AUTUMN TERM, 1935.—This term we welcomed Miss Bullock as a House Mistress in place of Miss Hutton, who has left the School.

We continued the work which we began last year for the N.S.P.C.C. and sent two cot blankets, made from squares of knitting, to London.

SPRING TERM, 1936.—In the House Hockey Matches we only obtained third place.

SUMMER TERM, 1936.—The House entry for the Sports was disappointing, but we hope to put up a better fight in 1937.

We won the House Tennis Cup this year. Our representatives were J. Fallows and B. Coupland.

At the end of term we had a House Party with Dunkley, and we wish to thank the House Mistresses of both Houses for a very enjoyable time.

BETTY COUPLAND.

#### BUDGEN, 1935—36.

AUTUMN TERM, 1935.—The Whist Drive in aid of the Staffordshire Association for the Welfare of the Blind was held on November 30th. Unfortunately the rainy night had a bad effect on our attendance, but we raised £5, which was sent to the Association.

SPRING TERM, 1936.—The Hockey Team are again to be congratulated on their play, as a result of which we won the Hockey Cup.

SUMMER TERM.—Budgen was third in the Sports and in the Tennis Tournament; they pulled up, however, and won the House Shield at the end of the term. In July, Budgen had a very enjoyable House Party with Powell. We are grateful to Mistresses of both Houses, who took so much trouble to make it a pleasant afternoon.

DOROTHY HALL.

#### DUNKLEY, 1935—36.

AUTUMN TERM, 1935.—Dunkley with Budgen was responsible for chairs.

SPRING TERM, 1936.—We were fourth in the House Hockey Matches.

SUMMER TERM, 1936.—Chiefly owing to the enthusiasm of the Juniors, we won the Sports Cup. Ann Surtees considerably helped towards this result by winning the Junior Cup.

Dunkley were fourth in the House Tennis Matches. Owing to the School Fête we were unable to hold our usual Sale of Work in aid of the Alton Cripples' Home. In the last week of term we joined with Balfour for a House Party, when we had a very enjoyable time playing rounders and taking part in a Treasure Hunt.

J. SMITH.

#### POWELL, 1935—36.

AUTUMN TERM, 1935.—Powell, with Balfour, was responsible for chairs.

SPRING TERM, 1936.—In the House Hockey Matches, Powell obtained second place.

SUMMER TERM, 1936.—U. Hughes won the Senior Cup in the Sports, and C. Manhire was runner-up for the Junior Cup. This was largely responsible for our being second in the final results. Powell was second in the House Tennis Matches.

At the end of term, there was a joint House Party with Budgen. We are very grateful to the House Mistresses for arranging team competitions.

We were sorry to say good-bye to Miss Foxton, who has left us to go to Ware Grammar School; we appreciate all the work which she did for the House, and we wish her success in her new post.

P. BULL.

## SPEECH DAY.

Speech Day was held on Thursday, October 29th, in the Town Hall. Sir Percival Heywood, the Chairman of the Governors, presided, and spoke of Kathleen Simms' success, in gaining an open scholarship at Oxford, as the outstanding event of the year.

The Venerable the Reverend Percy Harthill, Archdeacon of Stoke, distributed the prizes after Miss Cooper had given her report. In his speech the Archdeacon said that the real purpose of education was to train people for life in which the essential thing was getting the right relationship with one's associates, not learning how to make a living. Once boys and girls realized that education only began at school and went on until death they would be able to learn the art of living in right relationship to others. They must fit themselves in with their neighbours, with their fellow-countrymen, and with the world which was changing swiftly and becoming smaller through progress. To do this they must be in the right relationship with God. All could not be achieved by book-learning, but each subject taught something to fit the learner for after life. This did not mean that the School was not to be congratulated on its successes. The Archdeacon said that thinking about education reminded him of the old Bidding Prayer—that there should never be a lack of men and women fitted to serve God in the Church and State. He concluded by saying that his hearers had reason to be proud of their School, and he hoped that they would go out from it having fitted themselves for the life which lay before them.

Mr. T. W. Orme proposed a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon, which was seconded by Dorothy Hall, the Head Girl.

A short concert followed, which included "Idylle" by E. Elgar, "Allegretto" and "Hornpipe" by A. Rowley, played by the School Orchestra. The School then sang the following: "Joan to the Maypole" (17th century); "O Beautiful Violet"

(Carl Reinecke); "The Harp that once through Tara's Halls" (Irish Melody); "The Fair-Haired Lad" (Gaelic Folk-Tune); "O Sleep, my Baby" (Ancient Lullaby, voice accompaniment by Miss Malvern); and "The Keel Row" (Northumbrian Air).

BETTY COUPLAND.

### HONOURS LIST.

OPEN SCHOLARSHIP FOR HISTORY (Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford).  
K. Simms.

COUNTY DOMESTIC SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP (to be held at King's College for Social and Domestic Science in 1937).  
I. M. Bull.

ADVANCED DAIRY SCHOLARSHIP (Won at Rodbaston Agricultural Institute, Summer Session, 1936: to be held at Reading University).  
Julia Phillips.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES (Northern Universities' Joint Board).  
Matriculation Certificates: N. Bentley, V. Fell, B. Heath.  
School Certificates: M. Bagshaw, M. Binks, J. Smith, M. Wilkinson.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music).

July, 1936. Elementary Division: B. Turnbull.

March, 1936. Preliminary Division: M. Hardy, R. Need.

### PRIZE LIST.

FORM PRIZES.—II.: Y. Dainton; III.: M. Oulsnam, J. Twigg, K. Bailey; Lower IV.: U. Harris, M. Shenton, N. Cross, M. MacBean; Upper IV.b: M. Wilson, Y. Jones; Upper IV.a: M. Thurman, P. Yates; Lower V.: M. Hill, M. Berrisford, E. Dale, E. Wright; Upper V.: N. Bentley, V. Fell, B. Heath; VI.: K. Simms.

HISTORY (presented by Miss Thomas).—K. Simms.

GEOGRAPHY (presented by Mr. E. M. Mellor).—M. Hill.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE (presented by the Old Girls).—I. M. Bull.

MUSIC (presented by Miss Malvern).—R. Need.

WILD FLOWER COLLECTION (presented by Miss Whittlesey).—  
M. Bevan, P. Yates.

SCRIPTURE (presented by Mrs. Ward).—S. N. E. Coupland.

MERITA (presented by Miss Budgen).—D. Hall.

### HOUSE AWARDS.

HOCKEY CUP	-	Budgen.	SPORTS CUP	-	Dunkley.
TENNIS CUP	-	Balfour.	MUSIC BATON	-	Form VI.
HOUSE SHIELD	-	Budgen.			

## GAMES.—HOCKEY.

### 1ST XI.

### MATCH RESULTS.

- Oct. 12—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (away), draw 3—3.  
Oct. 19—Westwood Hall High School, Leek (home), won 6—0.  
Oct. 26—Derby High School (away), lost 1—2.  
Nov. 9—St. Mary & St. Anne, Abbots Bromley (away), scratched.  
Nov. 13—Longton High School (home), won 6—1.  
Nov. 16—Burton High School (away), lost 2—8.  
Nov. 30—Parkfields Cedars, Derby (home), scratched.  
Dec. 7—St. Dominic's High School (away), scratched.  
Dec. 14—Brownhills High School (home), lost 2—3.  
Jan. 18—Brownhills High School (away), scratched.  
Jan. 25—St. Dominic's High School (home), scratched.  
Feb. 1—Burton High School (home), scratched.  
Feb. 15—Westwood Hall High School, Leek (away), won 7—3.  
Feb. 29—Longton High School (away), scratched.  
Mar. 14—Parkfields Cedars, Derby (away), draw 2—2.  
Mar. 21—Derby High School (home), won 3—0.

### 2ND XI.

- Nov. 23—Burton High School (away), lost 0—5.  
Feb. 1—Burton High School (home), scratched.

### JUNIOR XI.

- Oct. 19—Westwood Hall High School, Leek (home), won 2—0.

### CRITICISMS OF THE HOCKEY TEAM, SEASON 1935—6.

- U. Hughes (Goal). Played very well throughout the season. She made very good use of her feet and kept the ball on the ground, and also showed improved judgment in coming out of the goal to tackle a break-away by an opposing forward.
- M. Binks (R.B.) An energetic player who recovered quickly if she missed a tackle. She combined well with the L.B. but must not clear across her own goal circle.
- G. Thurman (L.B.) A player who used her brains and whose interceptions and passing were therefore good. She must be careful not to unsight her own goalkeeper.

Both backs were inclined to be slow in getting back to their own places after crossing over to tackle an opposing forward.

- B. Torrance (R.H.) An erratic player. When on her game she was very good, especially in intercepting passes. More consistency was necessary and a more definite combination with her R.B. over defence tactics. She backed up her own forwards well.



- M. Bagshaw (C.H.) The most consistently good player in the team though inclined at times to do too much and therefore to muddle. Her interceptions and tackling were sure, and her passing was good and accurate.
- E. Robinson (L.H.) Her tackling was sometimes too energetic and inclined to be unsafe. Her rolls-in were very good and her sense of positioning improved during the season.
- M. Perrins (R.W.) She improved considerably during the season, and can be a very fast and energetic player. Has a good hard shot.
- J. Ryder (R.I.) Sometimes good, but a more consistent effort was necessary, particularly in fetching loose balls. She was too apt to try to do too much on her own when combination with the rest of the forward line would have been far more effective.
- P. Bull (C.F.) A fast player capable of making individual runs and quick on the ball in the circle. Her combination with the rest of the forward line could be improved.
- B. Coupland (L.I.) Tried hard and was very energetic, but was inclined to be clumsy when gathering passes and apt to kick the ball. She gave many excellent flick passes to her C.F.
- J. Stevenson (L.W.) A very fast player who improved greatly during the season. She centred the ball well and took chances of shooting on her own.

The main defect in the forward line as a whole was their slowness in following up their own shots.

M. C. FOXTON.

#### TENNIS RESULTS.

- May 16—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (away), lost 61—79.  
 May 23—Westwood Hall High School, Leek (away), lost 57—60.  
 June 17—Burton High School (away), lost 13—47.  
 June 20—Westwood Hall High School, Leek (home), lost 60—75.  
 June 27—Derby High School (away), lost 48—51.  
 July 8—Derby High School (home), scratched.

#### SENIORS. ROUNDERS RESULTS.

- June 6—Burton High School (home), lost 9—26.  
 July 11—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (home), scratched.

#### JUNIORS.

- May 9—Brownhills High School (home), won 3—1.  
 May 16—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (away), lost 2½—5.  
 May 23—Westwood Hall High School, Leek (away), lost 2—7.  
 June 6—Burton High School (home), won 6½—4.  
 June 20—Westwood Hall High School, Leek (home), won 13—4.  
 July 11—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (home), scratched.

B. TAYLOR (Games Sec.).

## THE SPORTS, 1936.

There was quite a good attendance of parents and friends at the Annual Sports held on Wednesday, May 27th. Miss Minna Beck very kindly presented the prizes at the close of the events. There was a great struggle for supremacy between Dunkley and Powell, the former gaining the Sports Cup by the narrow margin of two points. U. Hughes easily won the Senior Championship with 36 points, the runner-up being M. Bagshaw with 15 points; and A. Surtees had an equally easy victory by obtaining the Junior Championship with 31 points, C. Manhire being the runner-up with 18 points.

The Events decided before the day were :—

Cross - Country Race—Senior: 1. U. Hughes (30 mins.); 2. M. Massey; 3. M. Griffin.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—Senior: 1. M. Bagshaw (135' 3"); 2. J. Stevenson; 3. L. Tunnicliffe. Junior: 1. V. Sutton (105' 9"); 2. A. Surtees; 3. M. Phillips. (Both of these distances were better than preceding years.)

Long Jump—Senior: 1. P. Tipper; 2. J. Stevenson; 3. P. Bull. Junior: 1. M. MacBean; 2. G. Mellor; 3. A. Surtees.

The following Events took place on May 27th :—

Sack Race—Senior: 1. M. Bagshaw; 2. J. Stevenson; 3. P. Tipper. Junior: 1. I. MacBean, M. MacBean; 3. G. Roberts. Under 11: 1. Y. Dainton; 2. J. Marsden; 3. E. Findlay.

Three-legged Race—Senior: 1. E. Manhire and U. Hughes; 2. M. Bagshaw and F. Blore; 3. O. Hudson and M. Perrins. Junior: 1. A. Surtees and M. MacBean; 2. G. Mellor and M. Tunnicliffe; 3. P. Phillips and J. Martin. Under 11: 1. Y. Dainton and M. Henry; 2. C. Manhire and M. Hardy; 3. J. Marsden and R. Need.

100 yards—Senior: 1. U. Hughes (12 2/10 secs.); 2. J. Stevenson; 3. P. Bull. Junior: 1. A. Surtees; 2. N. Cross; 3. K. Robinson.

80 yards—Under 11: 1. M. Hardy; 2. C. Manhire; 3. M. Henry.

50 yards—Prep. Dept.: 1. D. Hudson; 2. N. Longson; 3. K. Coventry.

High Jump—Senior: 1. U. Hughes (4' 1"); 2. N. Bentley; 3. F. Blore. Junior: 1. A. Surtees (3' 9"); 2. K. Bailey. 3. D. Trubshaw. Under 11: 1. C. Manhire (3' 4"); 2. M. Henry; 3. M. Hardy.

Potato Race—Senior: 1. P. Bull; 2. M. Tebbett; 3. M. Perrins. Junior: 1. A. Surtees; 2. M. MacBean; 3. M. Tunnicliffe.

Slow Bicycle—Senior: 1. B. Torrance; 2. O. Hudson; 3. B. Coupland. Junior: 1. M. Bevan; 2. B. Dainton; 3. G. Middleton.

220 yards—Senior: 1. U. Hughes; 2. P. Bull; 3. J. Stevenson. Junior: 1. N. Cross; 2. A. Surtees; 3. I. MacBean.

Bunny Jump—Prep. Dept. : 1. D. Hudson ; 2. K. Coventry ;  
3. B. Cotterill.

Flower-pot Race—Senior : 1. B. Coupland ; 2. M. Massey ; 3. M.  
Hill. Junior : 1. G. Roberts ; 2. M. Tunnicliffe ; 3. M. Collis.

Obstacle Race—Senior : 1. U. Hughes ; 2. M. Hill ; 3. B. Jones.  
Junior : 1. D. Trubshaw ; 2. M. Baker ; 3. M. Tunnicliffe.

Skiping Race—Under 11 : 1. C. Manhire ; 2. M. Hardy ; 3. Y.  
Dainton.

House Relay Race—1. Powell ; 2. Dunkley. B. TORRANCE.

### GIRL GUIDES—1st Uttoxeter Company.

During the past year our numbers have remained steady, although some of the senior guides and guides who live in the country cannot attend many of the meetings. We have been sorry to lose F. Blore, D. Salt, B. Atkinson, and we were pleased to welcome J. Crosby, E. Fowell, M. Price, P. Tipper.

Owing to school activities our meetings have been irregular, but we were able to attend the Division party in the Town Hall on Saturday, May 9th. Mrs. Wardle was there, and we all had a very enjoyable afternoon. On November 7th we attended the County Rally at Wolverhampton. The Chief Guide was there, and the ceremony rendered doubly impressive as many of us were seeing her for the first time.

Two Hockey matches were played against the School, the first resulted in a draw 1—1, and the second we won 3—1.

We were grateful to the 3rd Company for allowing us to use their clubroom for some of our meetings this winter while we had no lights in School.

During the year the following badges have been awarded :—  
2 Second Class ; 4 Ambulance ; 4 Minstrel ; 2 Embroideress ; 6  
Needlewoman ; 2 Cooks. M.E.M.D.

### THE SCHOOL COUNCIL, 1935—6.

The business of the School Council during the year was mainly concerned with ordinary School matters.

In the second half of the Spring Term and the Summer Term, Balfour and Powell were responsible for chairs in the Assembly Hall and Front Hall ; Dunkley was in charge of scavenging, and Budgen of the Cloakroom. In the Autumn Term the Houses changed duties : Balfour took charge of the Cloakroom, Powell the scavenging, and the other two Houses were responsible for chairs.

It was decided that no collection should be made for the School Birthday present owing to the Sale of Work in the Summer Term.

In the Autumn Term the Council decided that, as there would be few visitors to the Nativity Play, Edward VII. and Victorian pennies should be collected in forms, to make up the amount usually collected for the Birmingham Settlement, and the Save the Children Fund. P. BULL.

## THE FICTION LIBRARY.

The Library continues to grow larger, and now it more than fills the space allotted to it. Fortunately more books are being taken out and all the books are seldom in the Library. The Third Form, the Fourth Forms and the Upper Fifth Form use the Library more than the Lower Fifth Form.

The following books have been bought for the Senior Library: Proud Servant (M. Irwin), The Flight of the Heron (D. K. Broster), The Light that Failed (R. Kipling), The Day's Work (R. Kipling); and the following have been added to the Junior Library: Beau Sabreur (P. C. Wren), God's Adventurers (M. H. Tiltman), Joc, Collette and the Animals (V. Barclay), Young Fu (E. F. Lewis); Huntingtower (J. Buchan), was replaced.

This year we have had more books presented to us, especially by girls who were leaving.

Miss Cooper gave us Eothen (A. W. Kinglake); and Mr. Smith sent us the following three books for the Senior Library: "The Rock and the River" (R. Connor), Knights of the Moon (J. M. Denwood), and "The Free Fishers" (J. Buchan).

K. Simms presented: The Secret City (H. Walpole), Midwinter (J. Buchan), Gascoyne the Sandal Wood Trader (R. M. Ballantyne), The Last of the Mohicans (J. F. Cooper), When London Burned (G. A. Henty); Margaret Perrins presented: The Count of Monte Cristo (A. Dumas), The Tower of London (H. Ainsworth); B. Atkinson gave us: Puck of Pooks Hill (R. Kipling).

BETTY COUPLAND, } Librarians.  
BERYL HEATH, }

## FÊTE in aid of the Scholarship Fund. June 11th, 1937.

For weeks beforehand—from the beginning of the Spring Term—everyone was occupied in Knitting, Needlework and other Crafts: devoting to this half-an-hour on Monday afternoons and much spare time at home. Many orders were received before the actual sale, so that we were all extremely busy.

We had an afternoon of brilliant sunshine on the eleventh. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. South, J.P. Miss Cooper, in welcoming Mrs. South, said that she was associated with the School through her former residence at Uttoxeter and

through her daughter having been on the Staff at the High School as elocution mistress. Mrs. South was also in sympathy with the object of the Fête, as in all her public work at Stafford she took a keen interest in everything to do with Education.

Miss Cooper briefly outlined the object of the Scholarship Fund, which was to help by grant and loan girls who could not afford training for a career on leaving School. It was important to raise enough capital to ensure a satisfactory annual income instead of having to draw on the principal. A great proportion of the money was invested in War Savings Certificates of an early issue. They all hoped a substantial sum would be added as a result of the day's takings.

There was a large attendance of parents and friends, and the different stalls: Needlework, Knitting, Craft and Pound Stalls, did a good trade with them, while groups of girls showed the position of the lemonade and sweet stalls. The Pound Stall was kindly provided by the Old Girls. There were several side-shows: bagatelle, quoits, hoop-la, table skittles, and a guessing competition. These did well, as the sunny weather encouraged people to go on trying their luck.

Tea was served on the lawn and attracted many visitors who had been present at the entertainment given by the Speech Training and Dalcroze Eurythmics classes. The programme was as follows:—

1. The Queen of Hearts } Junior Speech Training Class.  
The Ferryman
2. King Alfred and the Cakes—Prep. Eurythmics Class.
3. Hungarian Dance—Miss Railton.
4. Choral Speaking by the Eurythmics and Speech Training  
Classes—Silver, Windy Nights, Cargoes.
5. Old Ships, Nightingales—Kathleen Simms.
6. Polonaise—Miss Railton.
7. Young Beichan—Speech Training Class.
8. The Blue Danube—Miss Railton.

The Eurythmics tunics looked very attractive against a green background, and the combination of Eurythmics and Choral Speaking was an interesting experiment. Miss Railton's beautiful dancing in costume considerably added to the enjoyment of the audience. We much appreciate all she and Miss Platt did to make the entertainment so delightful.

The total receipts for the day were £113 16s. When £15 was deducted for expenses, the sum realised was £98 16s. As we had set out to obtain £100, we were delighted when we heard the result.

B. C. HRATH.  
V. B. FELL.

## A VISIT TO WEDGEWOOD'S POTTERY WORKS, ETRURIA.

On March 19th, 1936, the girls from Forms Lower V., Upper V., and the Sixth, spent an enjoyable morning looking round the old-established Wedgewood Pottery Works.

The clay for making the pottery comes from Cornwall and Devon, and it is called kaolin. Some clay is found locally, but it is only suitable for making the coarser kinds of articles such as the saggars in which the pottery is baked.

The first process we saw was a process called "Jigging," through which the clay goes on reaching the works. A lump of clay is put on to a circular automatically-revolving piece of stone and flattened with wet hands. A piece of wood is then let down, the circular stone set in motion, and when the clay is flat and of equal thickness all over, the stone automatically stops. As the clay has moisture in it, the moulds on which it is put to get its shape and pattern, have to be made of some moisture-absorbing substance, therefore plaster of Paris is used. After the clay is put on the mould the surplus clay is taken off by a revolving machine. The mould is then put into a warm oven, where it dries and the plaster of Paris absorbs the moisture. Some of the pottery is coloured, so it is put on to a revolving plate and the colour poured into it.

When the pottery is ready for the oven it is packed into huge saggars, which are put into the kilns. The kilns are huge, brick structures, sixty or seventy feet high.

When we left the kilns we saw how the saggars were packed. The particular saggars we saw were put on a slowly-moving truck and wheeled into the kiln and the pottery left to bake.

We saw articles being made by hand. In an amazingly short space of time a lump of clay was shaped by the worker into a vase. When the vase is shaped it is put on the potter's wheel, where the outside is made into a smooth surface ready for putting into the oven and glazing. We also saw the patterns being put on by hand. Each individual leaf or flower has to be moulded and put on separately. One small cream jug we saw was composed of thirty-six pieces. The separate figures are made by pressing some clay on to a mould, not made of plaster of Paris but of pitcher, then the surplus clay is removed and the figure prised gently up with a pliable piece of steel. Some figures we saw were representing Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter.

The last place but one that we visited was the paint shop. The paint is in form of powder and is mixed with turpentine. Some ornaments which were particularly attractive had scenes from the hunting-field portrayed on them.

The cleanest and nicest room in all the works we visited last. It was the show-room. The most beautiful array of pottery was on show there. Delicate shades of pink, green or blue, toning perfectly with silver or gold rims and handles. There was not a blemish on any piece, and all were arrayed to show off their good points.

We left the works feeling we had gained a great deal of knowledge from our tour.

D. EAST.

M. HUNTER.

## A VISIT TO THE LOTUS AND DELTA SHOE MANUFACTURERS AT STAFFORD.

On Thursday, July 23rd, 1936, a party of girls and two mistresses paid a visit to the Lotus and Delta shoe works at Stafford.

From the bus we were taken straight through the offices into a room where all the different patterns for the uppers of the shoes were kept, and then into the rooms where the uppers themselves were made and finished. The uppers had to go through numerous processes which, if described fully, would take volumes. Some of these processes were the cutting out of the backs and uppers from the leather, sewing in the linings and tongues, punching and machining designs on them, putting in the eyelets for laced shoes, the buttons being stitched on, the button-holes being made, and the uppers, now complete, being joined to the backs. The uppers were put on a block last when they were being joined to the backs. This preserved the shape. First of all they were gummed together and then they were stitched. Our Guide showed us the block lasts being made. A piece of American maple, roughly cut in the shape of a foot, was placed on a machine, and then rollers pressed the wood into the required shape and size. The guide told us that approximately it took two square feet of leather for each pair of shoes. The hides used were sometimes those of horses and sometimes those of cows. If the leather had to have a patent surface it had to be enamelled. We were shown a very large calf skin which came from Canada, but the majority of this sort of skin came from Germany. The leather had to be rolled before working, and if there happened to be a vein in the neck the skin was cast aside as being of no use. Also the leather had to be weighed as soon as it entered the building and as it left it made up into shoes. This was done to see if there was any loss. Then the guide showed us a crocodile skin and a lizard skin. The shoes made from these skins are very expensive, because only the leather off the back of the reptiles can be used for making shoes. The next skin was a willow calf from Holland. This was to be

used for making sandals. The whole skin or the butt of the animal was used and none was wasted. The leather from the back, being much thicker than the rest, was used for the soles, that from the legs and the best part of the neck was used for the uppers, and the rest was used for the tongues. Any odd scraps of leather were put into bags and sent to be pressed in order to make glue.

The tops of the shoes, now on an iron last, were ready for joining to the soles. While the tops of the shoes were being made in one part of the works the soles and lifts, which were the different layers of leather which made up the heels, were being made in another part. The joining of the tops and soles was done on a lasting machine. The soles comprised the inner sole, a layer of cork and gluc mixed called "Besto," and the outer sole. At this stage the shoes went through many interesting processes, including flap turning, side trimming, top slugging, top trimming, rolling, beating up and polishing. The heels had to be pared, inked, bevelled, burnished and polished. Over six tons of pressure was put on each shoe to level the sole. After many more countless finishing off processes the shoes were packed in boxes ready for distribution all over the country.

Our guide told us that each shoe had to go through over two hundred separate operations, and that over three thousand pairs were made each day and twenty thousand pairs a week. Although the employees had to work very hard to produce so many shoes it could be seen that their leisure and comfort were well looked after by the rest and first-aid rooms and the lovely tennis courts and bowling greens.

We left the works about half-past twelve after having had a very interesting morning, and now that we have seen how our shoes are made we take an interest in noticing where they wear out and the different parts which make them up.—MARJORIE HILL.

## A VISIT TO TUTBURY GLASS WORKS.

On July 28th a party of girls from the Upper Fifth and Sixth, accompanied by Miss Foxton and Miss Whittlesey, visited Tutbury Glass Works. We were first told the materials which are used in the manufacture of tumblers, other table wear and cut-glass articles which are made at Tutbury. The glass from which these articles are made is flint glass, and contains silver sand, red lead and potassium carbonate.

We saw the huge furnace in which these materials are heated into molten glass, and what astonished us most was the intense heat of the place in which the men have to work. Long iron tubes are dipped into the furnaces and the molten glass is brought out on the end of them and immediately blown into shapes through tubes.



When once the correct shape is attained the vessels are put aside for a few days to cool. They are then reheated to gain resistance against heat. When hard they are taken to another department where some are stamped with crests, and others have different patterns stamped on them. There was one very old man who was drawing on the glass by hand. He first covered the glass with wax, and having drawn his design on the wax with a piece of bone he dipped the glass into acid and, wiping away the wax, the pattern remained on the glass.

We were then taken to a room where the patterns were being cut on the glass by machinery. The glass vessels were being held to sandstone wheels which, with water continually dripping over them, were kept rotating by machinery. The edges of the patterns were gone over again with finer sandstones to make them smooth.

The expedition was most interesting.

J. STEVENSON.

### THE STAFF AND PREFECTS' PARTY.

The Staff and Prefects' Party was held on July 28th, at 4 p.m. This year the Prefects invited the Staff. We drew for neighbours at tea and sat down at tables instead of in a circle of chairs, hoping thereby to avoid the segregation of such gatherings with Staff on one side of the circle, Prefects on the other, and the subsequent difficulty of conversation. Owing to the unsettled weather and the desire of all, including non-tennis players, to participate in events, we gave up the tennis tournament and had indoor games and competitions, interspersed with various tricks in which everyone participated as keenly as if they had been examinations, but with greater eagerness; and Miss Malvern intrigued us with a trick known to her alone.

Miss Foxton won a General Knowledge Competition of a novel kind, and D. Hall was second. The Staff were fierce rivals at all manner of games, and we broke up after a delightful evening; the Prefects enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and only hope their guests did the same; nor, I think, will the Prefects view similar events with such trepidation in the future.

K. M. SIMMS.

### VISIT TO BRITTANY.

During the summer holidays, Miss Charles took a party of girls to Brittany. We arrived at St. Malo in the early morning, when it was very misty, and we could not see the town. However, we visited St. Malo several times. It is an old fort, surrounded by ramparts, and we walked all round it. The walls are very thick and strong. The streets of St. Malo are narrow, and cobbled. We went into the Cathedral, which was very dark inside, but there

were some beautiful stained glass windows. The docks were most interesting. We saw ships going to Jersey and England, and also some French submarines, which were open to the public, but as we were English, we were not allowed on them. By the side of the docks there were some women making and selling lace. We took photographs of them and some of us spoke to them, but found them hard to understand.

Our headquarters were in Paramé, a part of St. Malo, but in a separate bay. We stayed in an hotel overlooking the sea, where we could see boats going out from the docks. We had to speak French in the shops, but the people were very nice, and helped us out when we were stuck for words.

We visited many different places, including Dinard, separated from St. Malo by the Rance, with its three beaches, and a large bathing-pool. All round the rocks there is a walk, from which there is a good view of Dinard and St. Malo. Another of our interesting trips was to Dinan. It is inland, situated on the Rance. It has some very old houses, which overhang the cobbled streets. We had lunch in a café in the square, and after that we looked round antique shops, of which there are a great many. We went back down the Rance, and we noticed that the scenery was much like that of Dovedale, only that the valley is wider. One day we went to see some rocks sculptured by a priest at Rothéneuf, a few miles from Paramé, and visited the tomb of Chateaubriand, a famous French writer and politician. His tomb is on an island, which can only be reached by a slippery causeway at low tide.

We had a very happy time visiting these places, and would have liked to stay longer.

G. MELLOR.

A. SURTEES.

### THE DENSTONE COLLEGE PLAY.

The Play Committee of Denstone College kindly invited a party of girls from the High School to the performance of Hamlet on Tuesday evening, November 24th. In spite of a thick fog the party was able to reach its destination safely.

The performance began at 6 p.m and lasted about two-and-a-half hours. We thoroughly enjoyed the part of Hamlet, which was taken by one of the masters, and appreciated the way the boy who took the part of Ophelia overcame the difficulties of the part, and his singing of the folk-songs in the mad scenes. The acting was good, and we were all sorry when the performance came to an end. We arrived back in Uttoxeter at 10.15 p.m. after a most enjoyable evening.

DOROTHY AMOS.

### LIGHTS OUT.

During last term there was probably a boom in the sale of candles, because owing to the new-building operations, our

electricity supply was cut off, and we were forced to resort to old-fashioned methods of lighting—candles. An appeal was sent out, as a result of which the mantle-pieces in the Assembly Hall were soon adorned with brass and wooden candle-sticks. They were in great demand during the dark days by most forms, but here they proved themselves inferior to electricity, by unexpectedly singeing hair. About 3.15 p.m. semi-darkness crept on, and so oral lessons were found to be the most convenient way of ending the afternoon's work. All parties and lectures were postponed for the term, but the Nativity Play was held without a stage, and with the aid of a car battery and two head-lamps. The dramatic classes, however, were continued, and the actors performed with a "Shakespeare" in one hand and a candle in the other.

We arrived back this term to find the School had been rewired and connected to the town's electricity supply, during the Christmas holidays, so once again we stepped back into the age of improved lighting.

BETTY TAYLOR.

### SPRING.

After winter's weary days are past,  
 The snow and ice are thawed by warmer wind,  
 The small green shoots come peeping through at last,  
 Leaving their dark and wintry homes behind.  
 The noisy rooks are busy in the trees,  
 Making their cosy homes of twig and moss,  
 Where after busy days they'll rest with ease,  
 No matter how the tree-tops sway and toss.  
 The new-born lambs are frisking in the field,  
 And fill the air with happy joyful notes,  
 The farmer sows his seed and hopes 'twill yield  
 A plenteous crop of wheat and rye and oats.  
 So joyous nature hears the call of Spring,  
 And to us all great happiness doth bring.

A. SURTEES.

### THE WIND.

The wind is very strong to-day,  
 It almost blows my hat away;  
 You see it fly from tree to tree—  
 It often catches you or me.

It grabs the leaves upon the  
 ground,  
 And puts them into heaps around;  
 All up and down the path they run,  
 Gleaming in the Autumn sun.

M. BAKER.

### A VISIT TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

We were fortunate enough to be conducted through the Houses of Parliament by the late Lord Rowallen. He had sat in the House of Lords for thirty years, so he was able to tell us some intimate details concerning the House.

We entered at an imposing oaken door studded with bolts and nails, and found ourselves in a large stone entrance hall. Our

guide then took us up a lot of thickly carpeted stairs and we came to a long corridor. The walls were lined with beautiful pictures of important events in history and scripture. One was especially outstanding. It was a picture of The Madonna with the Holy Child in her arms,—magnificently painted. There were also portraits of many great men right from the beginning of the history of our country.

After walking through what seemed to be miles of corridors we came to the House of Commons, where the Members of Parliament (our own member included) sit to discuss the business of the State. It was not a very large hall, but the sides were packed with dark leather covered seats. Overhead all around was a gallery also with many seats. At the top of the hall was a long table where the Prime Minister and the Speaker sit to address the House.

Then we went on to the House of Lords. Here all the seats were red, which gave a much brighter appearance. At the head of the room were the gold chairs where the King and Queen sit at the opening of Parliament. Near the Royal chairs was the Woolsack where the Lord Chancellor sits. Lord Rowallen showed us where he sat, when he took his seat.

We then came to one of the Libraries where there were hundreds of volumes relating to the laws of our country. Lord Rowallen led us down more corridors, past the private rooms of the Prime Minister and many other private rooms, until at last we reached the terrace, overlooking a wide stretch of the Thames. Here the members can invite their friends to tea during the session. The view from the terrace was very beautiful.

MARGARET E. HUNTER.

## SERENADE IN THE NIGHT.

I hear a sound of cats on tiles,  
That can be heard for miles and  
miles ;  
The cats are saying "Meow, Meow,"  
The dogs below reply "Bow, Bow."  
A sound of something being thrown—  
Then silence, and I give a groan,  
And try to get some sleep.

Peace! but its too good to last,  
A sound of something running fast;  
The cats have all come back again—  
Are nearly driving me insane.  
Then in the pillow my face I hide,  
And wearily turning upon my side,  
I try to get some sleep.

A scuffling sound is heard below,  
The cats attack an unseen foe—  
In the shape of some poor stray,  
Who is not allowed to stay  
In their precincts. Loud and quick—  
Someone throws out half a brick,  
And disturbs my sleep.

At last they're gone, and I can rest,  
To stop me they have done their  
best ;  
I close my eyes—of cats I'm rid,  
When comes the sound of a dustbin  
lid  
Falling. So I see I must  
Get up, to STAY, and in disgust,  
I say "Good-bye" to sleep.

V. SUTTON.

EXTRACTS FROM OXFORD DIARY,  
Michaelmas Term, 1936.

MONDAY, OCT. 12TH.—My room, Deneke 38, is quite tidy now. Like all the other freshers I have been besieged by canvassers from every imaginable society—political, social, literary and historical. I have joined the University Liberal Club in response to the enthusiastic canvassing of the College Secretary, a research student, the League of Nations branch, and the College Dramatic Society.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13TH.—Matriculation ceremony at the Divinity Schools this afternoon. We assembled in sub-fusc, i.e., black or dark blue coat and skirt, white blouse, black tie, black shoes and stockings, also in caps and gowns. Everyone remarked to her neighbour: "Is my cap on right?" "Does my gown look straight at the back?" and then moved on and repeated the questions to someone else. Judging by the specimens one sees, gowns are not usually treasured in this way; I am told they are of great assistance in drawing up the fire, not to mention dusting one's room! At the Divinity Schools we were seated on benches in a large hall, and a beadle gave out grey booklets entitled: "Memorandum on the Conduct and Discipline of Junior Members of the University," which we read while we waited. The Vice-Chancellor himself did not preside, and a substitute took his place. Lady Margaret Hall came first; as our names were called out we walked to a small table, received a certificate all in Latin except for the name, and a book entitled: "Excerpta e Statutis Universitatis Oxoniensis." Then all L.M.H. gathered round the presiding official and listened to a little speech of which we recognised several words at least (it was in Latin); then we left. "Excerpta e Statutis" contains much useful information, apart from Examination Statutes and syllabuses; the general statutes of the University (not those referring solely to women) are in Latin, with such titles as "Concerning the Reverence of Juniors towards Seniors." We are forbidden to use dangerous weapons such as cross-bows, or to fight with swords; also in Latin we are forbidden to "ascendo" or "descendo" at an aerodrome within twenty miles of Oxford, unless we belong to the University Air Squadron, called "cohors."

SUNDAY, OCT. 18TH.—Went to a tea-party in Marie Cooper's room, Wordsworth building. She unfortunately has a fireplace the tiles of which are smothered in ugly purple cauliflowers. At night I went to St. Mary's to hear the Bishop of London preach. As it is the University Church, we wear caps and gowns.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20TH.—I now know all the places I have to find for lectures and classes. I only go out to two colleges this term, Hertford and Trinity. The first time I looked for the

former, I walked into Wadham ; Trinity I found—with the aid of detailed instructions, but I paused on the threshold of two private rooms before finding the Lecture Room. Coming out of there to-day, three of us held up the traffic in the Broad, while we searched for the tablet marking the spot where Latimer and Ridley were burned, opposite Balliol gate, then just inside the city walls.

MONDAY, OCT. 26TH.—Cycled to Headington School to call for Miss Budgen's friend, Miss Mason. With James the Sealyham sitting in Miss Mason's bicycle basket, we cycled to Shotover, and had a lovely walk to the top of Shotover Hill. It is interesting in the district round Oxford to notice place-names familiar in some of Buchan's novels : Woodeaton, Otmoor, Charlbury. We inspected a tiny old lepers' chapel on the way back, then toasted crumpets and muffins for tea over the fire in the Staff Room.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30TH.—After hearing A. T. Irvine speak at the Liberal Club, two or three of us pushed and squashed our way into the Open Conservative Meeting in the Union Hall, to hear Winston Churchill speak most fluently, and quash questions with scornful wit. I stood on a chair, finally, and had a good view : he looks just like his caricatures.

NOV. 5TH.—A party of us went to see " 1066 and All That " at the New Theatre, and enjoyed it thoroughly, having just arrived at Magna Charta in Constitutional History, and passed the two memorable dates en route. The cheering of Bonfire Night Crowds, and banging of fireworks, penetrated into the Theatre. On coming out, we were lucky enough to see a proctor in full cry, hastening towards a centre of disturbance. There is a story of a " bull dog " (the underling who chases offenders for the proctor, and enquires their names and colleges) who chased a delinquent to the traditional sanctuary on the steps of Queen's College, then sat talking in friendly fashion until a late hour. The " bull dog " began to hint in vain, that the hour was late, he had his victim secure, and didn't want him to be " gated " as well as progged. The youth went on talking. Finally 12 o'clock (locking-up time) chimed from the many towers, and on the last stroke the young man said good-night and walked up the steps into Queen's, while the gates were bolted behind him by the college porter.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19TH.—I was given a ticket for the Residential Debate at the Union to-night. Visiting speakers were Lord Londonderry and Sir Archibald Sinclair, and the subject for debate was L.N.U. reform. All the proceedings were amusing and interesting. Sir Archibald Sinclair stammers a little, but made a splendid speech.

DEC. 7TH-11TH.—Pass Moderations in the Examination Schools, and sub-fusc and caps and gowns again. To see what would happen, we stood in the hall for a minute without our caps ;

a clerk soon hurried up: "Put your cap on, please, Miss! CAPS ON, please!" A little bell rang, someone shouted: "Pass Mods candidates this way", and a huge crowd of us pushed and jostled along the passage up a staircase, hung with paintings of Queen Victoria, George IV., Edward VII., and other royalties, and into an enormous room filled with desks, and with two supervisors striding to and fro. After that it was much like any examination except for the numbers there, and the complicated procedure of putting your papers in the right box,—correct set-book, Women, S for Simms. On the last day we celebrated with coffee and meringues at the Cadena Café and turned our thoughts to packing.

KATHLEEN SIMMS.

### IN THE WOODS AT NIGHT.

At night the silver moon shines through  
 The shadowy trees;  
 And the old white owl on the fence gives a hoot  
 As a mouse he sees.  
 The mouse runs past the silvery brook;  
 The owl overhead  
 Makes eerie noises with whirring of wing;  
 The mouse is a-bed.  
 All is perfectly quiet again;  
 No sound  
 Save the rustle of leaves and the scurry of feet  
 On the ground.  
 The solitude of woods at night,  
 And the breeze;  
 Only the moon shining cold and white  
 On the trees.

C. BRISBOURNE.

### NEWS OF OLD GIRLS.

KATHLEEN SIMMS is in her first year of reading for an Honours Degree in History at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, having passed the preliminary examination (Pass Moderations) last term.

AUDREY MASSEY, who now lives at Mackworth, is clerk in the offices of a boot manufacturing firm in Derby.

MARGARET MARTIN is nursing at the London Road Hospital, Newcastle, Staffs.

MARJORIE ALLRED is in the office at the School of St. Mary and St. Anne, Abbots Bromley.

EUNICE FROST is working in connection with the Chelsea Arts Ball, London.

HILDA STONEHOUSE is Headmistress at Checkley School.

MARGARET PERRINS is in Lceds Training College.

JULIA PHILLIPS is at Reading University.

MARGARET SMITH is training at the Gregg Commercial Sch., Longton.

MAYWYN CHAPMAN has a millinery and gown business in Tutbury.

BETTY BRYANT has finished her training in Birmingham and is now hairdressing with her sister.

MOLLY WHYSALL is a fully-qualified nurse.

FLORENCE BULL is teaching in King Edward's School, Birmingham.

JOAN RYDER is clerk at Messrs. Stretch.

MILDRED SHIPLEY is at home.

MARJORIE BAGSHAW is doing observation practice in the Church of England School, Uttoxeter.

GENEVIEVE THURMAN is assistant librarian at Alfreton.

Old Girls' news is always of great interest to us. Will Old Girls let me know of their doings, so that they may be put in the Magazine?  
A. BECK, Registrar.

**BIRTH.**—On January 28th, 1937, to Doris (née Ball), wife of Ernest Morley—a son (Donald).

**MARRIAGE.**—On March 28th, 1936, at St. Mary's, Uttoxeter, Reginald Warters to Kathleen Babb.

### OLD GIRLS' SOCIETY.

**SPRING TERM, 1936.**—Owing to the resignation of K. Babb, who was to be married, it became necessary to appoint a new secretary, and G. Phillips was elected. K. Babb was very cordially thanked for her work as secretary to the society.

It was decided that the Old Girls should have an individual blazer. This has since been arranged, and can be obtained at Messrs. Orme's.

At a further meeting, D. Sherratt was elected treasurer.

**SUMMER TERM, 1936.**—The Old Girls had a pound stall at the School Fête held in June. This stall realized £6 5s., which was handed over to the Scholarship Fund.

A Tennis Party was arranged to be held on July 25th. Unfortunately the weather was not kind, but the Old Girls enjoyed the afternoon.

On the resignation of the secretary, G. Phillips, it was proposed and seconded that J. Mellor and G. Hambleton act as joint secretaries.

**AUTUMN TERM, 1936.**—The Annual Christmas Reunion was held in the Haddon Room owing to there being no supply of electric light in the High School. Printed letters of invitation were sent out, and over 70 replies were received. 48 Old Girls, together with Miss Cooper, members of the Staff and Prefects, joined in games and dancing in the Haddon Room.

Immediately after supper, which had been prepared by the tea committee, a short business meeting was held. Miss Cooper expressed her pleasure at seeing so many Old Girls, and then described the alterations being carried out at the High School.

The Secretary explained that district secretaries had now been appointed. These were as follows.—Uttoxeter—R. Allport, M. Harper, B. Orme. K. Tibbits; Marchington—A. Sutton; Blythe Bridge—D. Forster; Tutbury—M. Bull; Old Boarders—M. Price.  
J. MELLOR.



